

**PROGRAM POLICY COORDINATION WORKGROUP
MINUTES
June 12, 2003
GEF III, Room 349**

Attendees:

Carol Amelong, DHCF/BIMA
Jonathan Bader, WISCAP
Alesia Daniel, Milwaukee Co. DHS
Monica Danley, Milwaukee Co DHS
Sara Edmonds, DHFS/BHCE
Jon Janowski, MHTF
Donna King, DHCF/PIC

John LaPhilliph, DHCF/BHCE
Carol Medaris, WCCF
Wendy Metcalf, Marquette Co. DHS
Sue Moline Larson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy
Linda Preyz, DWD
Scott Riedasch, DHFS/DHCF/BHCE
Sheryl Siegl, Winnebago Co. DHS

03-05 Governor's Budget

Medicaid Eligibility-Related Provisions

Scott

Scott updated the group on the following Medicaid-related proposals in the Governor's budget. Please see the attachment to these minutes for description of these proposals. Please note that the attached does not reflect action by the Joint Finance Committee.

Reduced Reporting Requirements for Food Stamp Program

Sara

The PowerPoint presentation given at the WSSA Conference was shown. The presentation illustrated the vision, mission and goals of DHFS, as well as the new structure of the department. It listed the three main goals for income maintenance related to the Food Stamp Program: reduce workload, increase the FS participation rate, and reduce the FS error rate. Another segment of the presentation covered reduced reporting requirements and shows the difference between present and proposed reporting requirements. This presentation was shown at the WSSA Conference on June 4th. Sara will continue to update this presentation as more information comes back from FNS regarding our request to implement this. Carol Medaris suggested that mention be made of the benefits of reduced reporting requirements for low-income working families. Sheryl Siegl suggested adding what goals have been met so far. This will continue to be updated.

Day & Time of Future Meetings

Scott

Scott brought to the group the possibility of changing the day and/or time of future meetings. It was suggested at a past meeting to possibly extend the meeting time. We could possibly make the meeting approximately 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Scott felt, and the group concurred, that until we have a better idea of further assignments from IMAC, we would keep the meeting status quo.

Migrant Employer Cafeterias

Jonathan

Jonathan Bader queried the group about the possibility of allowing employers that have cafeterias that serve the migrant community to accept an EBT card as payment for meals. Many of these families do not have access to a place for food storage or preparation. They primarily purchase their meals at cafeterias run by their employer. Hopefully, this could work similar to using food stamps at approved restaurants. Linda Preyz, DWD, will inquire about migrant programs and can bring back some information to the group at a future meeting.

Funding for Farmers' Markets**Jon J.**

Jon commented on the continuation of farmers' markets and EBT. There is concern about where funding will come from in the future.

Milwaukee County and Customer Service**Carol M.**

The move into new buildings in Milwaukee County has caused disruption and confusion for customers there. Carol inquired as to when some of these issues will be resolved and when the moving situation will be over. It will be some time before all is returned to normal.

Next Meeting - Thursday, July 10, 2003 in GEF III, Room 349 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.